Educational Column.

JOHN B. SCOTT, EDITOR.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION. The masses do not give the attendance of the children of schools much attention and hence do not know what a of attendance is. Of the number of tive months, but a day this week, two Government, Society and Industry. next, and so on.

It is sometimes said that the evil, so far as it effects those whose attendance is regular, can be remedied by putting those causing the evil into lower classes. This is generally difficult to do as it often necessitates the purchase of new books for grades that they have already passed through. When done we get rid of but little of the evil. If these pupils had any interest in their work, they generally lose it when demoted. They then become, by their idleness and indifference, greatly demoralizing to the school.

One argument against compulsory education is that it is not in harmony with the institutions of our country; it is, in other words, not in accordance with the spirit of our government. This results from a false notion of what, ONE DOLLAR from one standpoint, is the central idea of our government-liberty. There is no such thing as absolute liberty in our country or any other government. There are many things in our government which are compulsory. The support of the public schools by taxation is compulsory. The question presents itself thus to every individual: If you compel me to pay taxes for the education of your children, should you not be compelled to send that I may not make useless expenditure of my money? Another objection which is sometimes made to compulsory education is that the law could not be enforced. If the law compelling men to pay taxes to support the schools can be enforced, one compelling men to send their children could be also. Under such a law there would be a penalty for absence from school without permission. This, as in other countries and in the states in our country that STATE OF MISSOURI, \ ss. have the compulsory law, would be a County of Iron, fine of so much a day for absence with. In the Probate Court of the County of out a valid excuse .- (Concluded).

All will admit, that it is of much advantage to teacher and pupils; to the former because it enables him or her to begin where assistance is needed; pu-presents to the Court his petition praypils are often diffident and fail to call for an order for the sale of certain real estate of which said Morgan Mace, died, seized, described as follows: needed; the recitation will davelop The southeast quarter of the southeast this fact better than any other. For the pupil's own good it is better to allow him to work out the main features of a lesson, still don't think or expect them to always do this, for offen by a like the southeast quarter of section 29, township 33, range four east, in Iron county, State of Missouri, to pay the debts of said Estate; which said petition was accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories as required by law, showing the said estate is indebted, and that said debts are unpaid, little timely assistance a pupil really and that there is not sufficient assets on gains instead of loses confidence.

the developing of the principal points deceased, be notified that application as of a lesson and the discussion of each?

Does it consist in pupils rising and reciting verbatim pages of definitions or of the same amount of history, mere parrot work? Certainly, not the last and hardly the first. Pupils may recite a lesson with a fair understand. recite a lesson with a fair understanding of most of it, but in such a manifest and the expenses of such sale. And it is further ordered that this notice be published in ner as to condemn it as a recitation.

to do with its effectiveness; this point term of this court. I shall try to teach further on. Of all recitations, the one most at variance Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk. with good principles of education, is the mere memory-work form of reci- Sises.

Pupils in their endeavors to prepare lessons often commit lessons; the lessons (themselves) are as far as the pupils are concerned utterly devoid of good to the pupil. For this fault, teachers are often the causes, because they assign longer lessons than their pupils can possibly prepare understandingly. Memory culture has its place in the school work, but it is too much overcrowded. Small lessons assigned and properly recited are more beneficial than large ones improperly recited. For larger and more advanced pupils the topical method of recita-tion is to be preferred; first, because it is more systematic, it enables pupils to get ideas of connected wholes; it enables the pupils to think and think connectedly. A. V. H., Pilot Knob.

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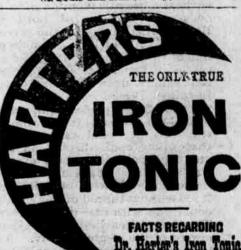
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